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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA'S INVITATION TO HOST IWY WORLD CONFERENCE

REF: A. BOGOTA 3073

B. USUN 1272

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1. ON APRIL 16 MISOFF MET WITH COLOMBIAN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE, AMB BERNADO ZULETA, WHO SHOWS HIMSELF KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SUBJECT AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA. HE STATED THAT HIS PRESIDENT, HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, AND BOTH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ARE COMMITTED TO THE INVITATION. THIS BUILDUP OF STRONG POLITICAL SUPPORT BACK HOME IN COLOMBIA HE ASCRIBED TO SKILLFUL ACTIVITY OF LILLIA SANCHEZ, COLOMBIA'S DEL TO COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW).

2. PER PARA 3, REF "C," MISOFF SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF COLOMBIAN DEL TO ECOSOC WOULD MAKE STATEMENT REITERATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HOSTING CONFERENCE AND DESCRIBING STEPS THAT WERE BEING TAKEN TO PREPARE FOR IT. AMB ZULETA WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT GOC WOULD HAVE MADE
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REQUIRED BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS BY NEXT WEEK, AND OBVIOUSLY

TIME IS IMPOSSIBLY SHORT IF NO SERIOUS WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON ESTIMATING COST MUCH LESS MAKING BUDGETARY PROVISIONS TO MEET IT. NONETHELESS, GIVEN GOC'S NOW CLEAR COMMITMENT, WE ASSUME FUNDS WILL EVENTUALLY BE FOUND AND REITERATION OF INVITATION AND GENERAL STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO MEET COST INVOLVED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVE TO DOUBTERS IN ECOSOC THAT THIS IS NOT CONFERENCE IN SEARCH OF A SITE.

3. AMB ZULETA IS HOPING THAT FACILITIES OF COLEGIO DEL ROSARIO, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS LANGUAGE TRAINING SCHOOL ORGANIZED WITH HELP OF UN, CAN BE UTILIZED TO PARE DOWN COSTS OF BRINGING SECT LANGUAGE PERSONNEL TO BOGOTA. SIMILARLY, HE STATES THAT BILINGUAL AND EVEN TRILINGUAL SECRETARIES ARE AVAILABLE IN BOGOTA, SO THAT SECT NEED NOT BRING DOWN LARGE CLERICAL FORCE. FINALLY, HE REPORTED THAT GOC IS BUILDING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL AND FACILITIES. USUN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BOGOTA'S EVALUATION OF THESE THREE STATEMENTS, AND ESPECIALLY EVALUATION OF WHETHER ADEQUATE CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE OR WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOGOTA BY JUNE 1975.

4. AMB ZULETA ENTHUSIASTICALLY UNDERTOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTACTING LARGE NUMBER OF DELS IN LESS DEVELOPED GROUP IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR RES. KENYA (KEZIA KINYANJUI) AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (JEAN GEORGE) ARE ALSO OUT ROUNDING UP SUPPORT. THAILAND UNABLE TO COSPONSOR THIS TIME BECAUSE THAI REP IN CSW, WHO ACTED LARGELY ON HER OWN IN CSW, IS NO LONGER IN POSITION OF INFLUENCE. THAILAND WILL, HOWEVER, VOTE FOR RES.
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